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MTC/NSC sports awards take new dimension

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK - This year's sports awards will take a new dimension and approach that is believed to accommodate all and sundry sports pundits.

The Mobile Telecommunication (MTC) continues to sponsor the National Sports Commission (NSC) sports awards for 2009.

Having learnt from previous mistakes, both institutions (MTC and NSC) came to realize that there is a need to revolutionize the entire system, facet and approach.

A Nomination Committee of Judges for the sports awards was established and a new system was adopted, borrowed from Botswana. Whether it will work out better or worse for Namibia it remains to be seen come the D-day, October 31.

Ailly Hangula-Paulino, chairperson of the Independent Panel of Judges told the media conference this week that her panel placed considerable emphasis on the international performance of the individual nominees.

"The points score system was used to evaluate the individual sports achievements on international, inter-continental, regional and national levels", Hangula-Paulino elucidated.

"To ensure that international events and the subsequent international achievements are comparable amongst the alternative sports codes, the panel evaluated each event in lieu of the number of countries participating at any such event, the ranking of the athlete at the specific event as well as the athlete's current overall world ranking".

Hangula-Paulino further made her point unambiguously, stating that various international sport federations have varying levels of world championship events of which the panel has taken cognizance of the fact when comparing the world and African championship results of the individual athletes.

Some of the MTC/NSC sports awards Independent Panel of Judges. Doc Naobeb, Isack Hamata, Kallie Schaffer, Ailly Hangula-Paulino (Chairperson), Helge Schulz and Peter Du Plooy at the unveiling of the final nomination of candidates for the sports awards.

Amongst the 15 categories of nominations (see below), MTC as sponsor of this glorified national event has established an award for the Sports Journalist of the Year. This tiding was revealed by Isack Hamata, Spokesperson of MTC.

Hamata told the media briefing that the selection criteria for the sport reporter will base on statistics by MTC's contracted Survey Warehouse as its research agency that have collected a data base of published clippings across all sports codes over the current years.

FINAL NOMINATIONS

Sportsman of the Year

Paulus Moses - boxing
Paulus Nuumbembe - boxing
Betuel Uushona – boxing
Marc Bassingthwaighte – mountain bike riding
Dan Craven - cycling
Rudolf Oosthuizen – endurance riding
Graham Snyman - bowls

Sportswoman of the Year

Jonay Briedenhann - swimming
Emmerencia Fredericks - football
Michelle Kunzle - showjumping
Beata Naigambo - athletics
Heletje van Staden – mountain bike riding

Junior sportsman of the Year

Strydom van der Wath - athletics
Hardus Maritz - athletics
Andre de Klerk - rugby
Byron Briedenhann – swimming
Sem Shilimela - wrestling

Junior sportswoman of the Year

Sune Wittmann - hockey
Daniela Lindemeier – swimming
Nicole Bierbach - gymnastics
Bonita Bredenhann – golf
Julia Handjene - athletics

Most Improved sportsperson of the Year

Christine Briedenhann swimming
Bredell Wessels – endurance riding
Klaudia Moses – athletics
Jatoorora Tjingavete – boxing
Louis Klazinga – cricket

Team of the Year

National Carp Angling team
National Bowls team
National Senior amateur boxing
National Senior Endurance riding team
National Senior Cricket team

Coach of the Year

Ryan Skinner – swimming
Tom Saintfiet – soccer
Nestor Tobias – boxing
Jacob Gariseb – boxing
Johan Rudolph – cricket

Administrator of the Year

Anton Seabrooke – freshwater angling
Dave Hutchins – bowls
Jackey Gertze – women's soccer
Michael Baas – fistball
Marsia Reed – cricket

Referee of the Year

Marco Debortoli – inline hockey
Alex Tiyeho – soccer
Zelda von Schauroth – endurance riding
Dongina Risser – gymnastics
Herman Garusoab – boxing

Disabled Sportsman of the Year

Reginald Benade
Ruben Soroseb

Disabled Sportswoman of the Year

Priscilla Uiras
Rosemary Tseitseimou

Development programme of the Year

Special Olympics
Hockey
Soccer
Volleyball
Cricket

Quadruple title fights on cards at coast

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK - At least four boxing titles will be for grab at the end of this month in Walvis Bay.

There will be two world and two national titles at stake. Bethuel Tyson Uushona will take on Coline Mayisela from South Africa to tussle for the Welterweight WBO Africa Interim over 12 rounds.

Namibia's Uushona who is also known "The Unstoppable" is still unconquerable. He has a telling record of 18-18. His opponent, Mayisela who is a dethroned WBA welterweight champion in his native country, boasts a record of 25-19-6. On paper, the latter seems to have more experience in the ring but does not scare off Uushona with his record.

Says Uushona: "I have trained very hard for this fight and am in good shape", adding that he is ready for any boxer in the world. "I don't need to know my opponent's boxing tactics, skills or his record."

Boxers ready to rumble. Nestor Tobias (left, back row) and Deputy Minister of Sport Pohamba Shifeta (third from left) encouraging the boxers.

Uushona is no paper tiger. He is persistent, tough as a tic and a hard puncher. The residents of Walvis Bay will be treated to a memorable boxing fiesta on October 31.

Paulus "The Rock" Ambunda will engage the South African Siyabonga Nyanga in a vacant Bantamweight WBO Interim 12 round bouts. Ambunda is known for his knockout prowess. He wastes no time in the ring. The 'little giant' means business and do not go beyond the fourth round before seeing his adversary off with a knockout.

Ambunda is undefeated (8-8) while his opponent has 22-15-5-2.

Martin Haikali (6-3-3) is the current Lightweight national title holder and will have to defend it against his fellow countryman, Paulus Kapia(11-8-3) in a bout scheduled for 10 rounds.

The other national title fight will be a rematch between Abraham Ndaendapo and Gottlieb Ndokosho. Their previous fight was declared a non-contest by the ring doctor after Ndaendapo was head butted and had a cut above his left eye.

Ndaendapo resides in Swakopmund, only 30 kilometers from Walvis Bay. He will have to capitalize on the advantage of his local fans. That alone will not determine him to win the fight but should go along with hard work.

Sacky 'Izinyoka" Shikukutu, is one of the knockouts experts that his trainer/manager and promoter Nestor Tobias has ever produced from his stable. He is undefeated in 11 fights, eight of which he won by KO. He will fight against Norman Tshisakhawe from South Africa who has a record of 16 fights, 10 wins and six defeats.

Daniel "Open Fire" Kashela and the dethroned welterweight Pan African champion Jason "Task" Naule who is regarded as a smart boxer will have a rendezvous in the same weight category in a non-title bout over six rounds.

Lolo on threshold to hang boots

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK – One of Namibia's footballs stalwart will soon hang his boots but will not be completely lost to the beautiful game.

Sylvester Goraseb has made history for the Land of the Braves (Namibia) during his heydays as a national player for the Brave Warriors and his premier league team Black Africa.

Goraseb also known as Lolito or simply Lolo has only played for Black Africa and no other team for a good 17 years. This is phenomenal. He is also one of the top three most capped national team players with 63 international games on his shoulders.

He has travelled around different capital cities, not as a tourist, but as a footballer representing his motherland with the Brave Warriors (Namibia's national team).

He has different calling, thus he will hang his boots on October 31 at the Sam Nujoma Stadium in Katutura, where he first started to play organized football. What a coincidence! Isn't it phenomenal?

Lolo Goraseb

Many have started playing at the same stadium but ended their football career elsewhere.

Lolo has invited southern African football legends from various countries with whom he brushed shoulders on the pitch. Players such as Dr Khumalo, Phil Masinga (South Africa), Kalusha Bwalya (Zambia), Fabrice Akwa (Angola), Mmoni Segopolo (Botswana), Peter Ndlovu (Zimbabwe), and many others will all grace the Sam Nujoma Stadium on the D-day. The Lolo Eleven will comprise of the well known legendary class of the 90's Brave Warriors squad.

MTC Premiership Fixture for Round 5

Friday, 09 October 2009

20h00 Black Africa vs. WesBank Tigers **Windhoek** Sam Nujoma Stadium

Saturday, 10 October 2009

16h00 Eleven Arrows vs. United Stars **Walvis Bay** Atlantis Stadium

16h00 FNB Oshakati City vs. African Stars **Embandu** Uukwangula Stadium

16h00 Oshikandela Ramblers vs. Civics **Windhoek** Ramblers Stadium

19h00 Orlando Pirates vs. Blue Waters **Windhoek** Sam Nujoma Stadium

MTC Premiership Results for Round 4

30 September 2009, 2 October 2009, 3 October 2009

Hotspurs vs Black Africa Sam Nujoma Stadium 1 – 2
Orlando Pirates vs Oshikandela Ramblers 3 – 1
African Stars vs Eleven Arrows Sam Nujoma Stadium 2 – 1
United Stars vs WesBank Tigers Oscar Norich Stadium 0 – 0
Blue Waters vs Cymot SKW Atlantis Stadium 2 – 0
Civics vs FNB Oshakati City SKW Stadium 1 – 2